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## WAYS OF THE HONEY BIRD

It Leads Hunters to Bee Trees in Order to Obtain Its Favorite Diet.

In his "Journal of the Sporting Nomad" Mr. Studley gives an extraordinary account of the honey bird, advancing the theory that this strange little animal has consciously entered into a mutual benefit partnership with men. The honey bird attracts the attention of the hunters by a chattering sound and leads them direct to a hollow tree, wherein bees have swarmed, this being done, says the author, with the direct expectation of reward. "Cooe rewarded the bird by crumpling up some of the comb that had the young bees in it, then, scratching a little earth aside with his assagai, placed the broken comb there, lightly re-covering with earth. On many subsequent occasions I have followed these birds. All my boys were honey gluttons, especially Cooe; they evidently preferred the comb with the young bees within it, for they stuffed their mouths full of it—another proof that there is no accounting for taste.

"With reference to this bird, there is no sort of doubt that they deliberately call the wayfarer's attention by chattering. I have tried them by persistently ignoring their summons, sometimes owing to my not having time to follow it up, or to see what the bird would do in such a case. I found that they will track you for some time, but give it up as a bad business if you do not shortly take any notice of them.

"I take it that from time immemorial the natives have appreciated their feathered allies by leaving some of the comb as a reward, the birds being unable to obtain their favorite diet without human assistance. The trick has therefore almost become an hereditary instinct."

## SMALL BOY SCORES



Grace—Who gave the bride away?  
Helen—Her little brother. He announced to the assembled guests that she had false teeth and dyed her hair.

## SCALES TURNED TO GOLD.

Sicily has a new industry, that of raising artificial goldfish and selling them by the hundred thousands to other countries. Small fish are caught or bred and put into a basin pregnant with chalk and various iron preparations. These make the skin of the fish impervious. Next the fish are bathed in the gold making preparation, the composition of which is a secret of the manufacturers. The strong fish survive this test. The survivors take on a golden hue first in the neighborhood of the tail. Then follow other preparations and still others until the fish in the end is a regular goldfish such as people pay big money for.

## WIDING BOY.

"Johnny," said the mother as she vigorously scrubbed the small boy's face with soap and water, "didn't I tell you never to blacken your face again? Here I've been scrubbing for half an hour and it won't come off."  
"I—I—ouch!" spluttered the small boy; "I ain't your little boy. I—ouch! See how the colored lady's little boy."—Ladies' Home Journal

## PEEBLE ARITHMETIC.

"I know how to put two and two together and make four," said the man who speaks in proverbs.  
"Well," replied Mr. Dustin Stax, "if four is all you can make out of two and two you had better keep out of finance."

## STILL PRETENDING.

Mother—Tommy, if you're pretending to be an automobile, I wish you'd run over to the store and get me some butter.  
Tommy—I'm awfully sorry, mother, but I'm all out of gasoline—Judge.

## AWFUL SECRET OF MURDERER

Daniel Webster's Vivid Portrayal of the Torture That Beets the Guilty Soul.

Meantime, the guilty soul cannot keep its own secret. It is false to itself, or rather it feels an irresistible impulse of conscience to be true to itself. It labors under its guilty possession, and knows not what to do with it. The human heart was not made for the residence of such an inhabitant. It finds itself preyed on by a torment, which it dares not acknowledge to God nor man. A culture is devouring it, and it can ask no sympathy or assistance either from heaven or earth. The secret which the murderer possesses soon comes to possess him, and, like the evil spirits of which we read, it overcomes him and leads him whitherover it will. He feels it beating at his heart, rising to his throat, and demanding disclosure. He thinks the whole world sees it in his face, reads it in his eyes, and almost hears the workings in the very silence of his thoughts. It has become his master. It betrays his discretion, it breaks down his courage, it conquers his prudence. When suspicious from without begin to embarrass him and the net of circumstance to entangle him, the fatal secret struggles with still greater violence to burst forth. It must be confessed, it will be confessed. There is no refuge from confession but suicide, and suicide is confession.—Daniel Webster.

## GETTING CLOSE TO NATURE

Stretch Yourself Out Beneath an Oak and See if You Feel This Way.

Whether its branches show green against a dark-blue sky—gold where the sunlight touches them—whether its leaves show magenta in the light of the setting sun, or black and silver in the moonlight, there is no tree of them all to compare with the oak. All a summer's day you may lie stretched beneath it, so strong and so friendly, not to you only, but to all the little lives that swarm about its roots. All kinds of busy creatures—ants, spiders, daddy-longlegs—beloved of your childhood go scurrying over you on this errand and that, as unafraid, almost, as if you were dead. A feeling of kinship comes to you: a knowledge that all this life about you is oak and grass and insect, and the good dog lying at your feet, is but a little part of the ageless flux and reflux; soothingly as a cool hand on an aching head there comes to you the realization that soon fears, hates and loves forgotten, your tired body shall rest under the trees all the days and all the nights.—Atlantic Monthly.

## WARM TRIBUTE.

It was in a little country town in the west of England, says the Bristol Mirror, and Mr. Goodman, excellent citizen and kind-hearted man, allowed himself, much against his own will, to be chosen mayor for the fourth time. After the event, he met Mr. Jones, one of his warmest admirers, who shook him heartily by the hand.

"I'm right sorry, Mr. Mayor," said the worthy man, "they've putten on you the trouble of officiating for another term, with all your many calls and worries of business; a far worse man would have suited us—but that was just the trouble. We couldn't find him—and it's my opinion as he ain't to be found."

## WINE OF KIRK-KILISSEH.

Under its own name Kirk-Kilisch, now figuring in the war news, conveys nothing to the majority of Englishmen, but incognito, so to speak, it is very well known indeed. For Kirk-Kilisch is a place of vineyards, producing an excellent wine, which is eagerly purchased by French firms, shipped to Bordeaux and sold as the "best Bordeaux." And so it comes about that many snack lips over "Bordeaux" that is really Kirk-Kilisch.

## ON THE 'PHONE.

Miss Holliday—Weren't you in when George called you on the phone and proposed?

Miss Winn—No; but when I did get in I returned his ring—New York Globe.

## MUTUAL POLITENESS.

"Will it be any trouble for you to find out if Mrs. De Style is at home?"  
"Not a bit. It won't take me a minute to run upstairs and tell her."

## CHILDREN LEARN TO DRINK

Deplorable Condition in Schools of Moscow Revealed by Report of Consul Grove.

Remarkable statements concerning drunkenness among Russian schoolchildren are made by Consul H. M. Grove in his report on the trade of the Moscow district for 1911. It is admitted, he writes, that inebriety is very rapidly increasing among the school children in Russia in general and in Moscow and the Moscow provinces in particular. The Moscow town council recently made an inquiry into this subject, and it was then stated that of the adults who are addicted to drink it had been ascertained that 90 per cent. learned to drink while still at school. Out of 18,134 schoolboys in the Moscow province, from the ages of eight to thirteen years, 12,152 or 66 per cent., have taken to drink, and out of 10,404 girls of the same ages 4,733, or 45 per cent., also drink.

It was unanimously decided that lectures on the effects of drink should be given in all schools, and also that museums showing the effects of alcohol should be instituted. The teachers will receive special instruction with regard to alcoholism, so as to be able to instruct the children.—London Telegraph.

## IT WOULD



Bronson—My mother-in-law has been spending the winter in Florida.  
Johnson—Has the climate agreed with her?  
Bronson—If it knows its business it has.

## DRAIN ON OUR ENVIRONMENT.

Without environment there can be no life. Seventy per cent., at least, of the human body is made of pure water, the rest of gases and earths. These have all come from environment. Through the secret pores of the skin two pounds of water are exhaled daily from every healthy adult. The supply is kept up by environment. The environment is really an unappropriated part of ourselves. Definite proportions are continuously abstracted from it and added to the organism. And so long as the organism continues to grow, act, think, speak, work or perform any other function demanding a supply of energy, there is a constant simultaneous and proportionate drain upon its surroundings.—Drummond.

## FOLLOWING ORDERS.

The motto above the great editor's desk read: "Accuracy, Accuracy, Accuracy."  
Therefore the story turned in by the cub reporter contained this statement:

"Three thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine eyes were fixed upon the speaker."

"What means this fool statement?" asked the great editor, as he prepared to use the blue pencil.  
"One man was blind in one eye," explained the cub.—Tit-Bits.

## THE RESULT.

"I made that fellow swallow his words."  
"Perhaps that is why I found him choking with anger."

## ITS CLASS.

"What would you call these joy ride jags?"  
"I would call them cases of auto intoxication."

## HER FAULT.

"Jennie is very careless about her temper."  
"How so?"  
"She is always losing it."

## HIS FINE.

"What punishment did that defaulting banker get?"  
"I understand his lawyer charged him \$40,000."

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